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SUBJECT: UN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL
ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR

1. THE UN SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED TO ALL MEMBER STATES
JULY 11 A LETTER DATED JUNE 27 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, LESLIE HARRIMAN
(NIGERIA). THE LETTER (PARA TWO BELOW) CONTAINS A
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER:

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO RECALL THAT THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, IN RESOLUTION 32/105-B OF 14 DECEMBER 1978,
PROCLAIMING THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR,
INVITED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE
MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE WORLD-WIDE OBSERVANCE OF THE YEAR.

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THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS NOTED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION
THE INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED FROM A NUMBER OF
GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AND
PROGRAMMES FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR.
IT HAS DECIDED TO PREPARE A REPORT TO THE THIRTY-THIRD
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE YEAR.

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD, THEREFORE, GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING, BY 19 SEPTEMBER 1978, INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S GOVERNMENT AND OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN YOUR EXCELLENCY'S COUNTRY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT.

3. COMMENT. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT COULD IDENTIFY AS MANY ACTIVITIES OR PROGRAMS AS POSSIBLE THAT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THIS COUNTRY IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-APARTHEID YEAR. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION BE PAID TO ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. IN ANY CASE, MISSION BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE WELL WORTH THE EFFORT TO AVOID PUBLICATION OF A COMMITTEE REPORT WHICH IMPLIES NO OR MINIMAL CONCERN IN THE US REGARDING APARTHEID LEONARD

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